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APPLICANT: Catanzaro, et al

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2003, claims 1-43 are pending. The examiner has objected to the Oath as defective. Applicants are submitting herewith a substitute oath. The examiner has objected to claims 20-43 under 35 USC §112, for the reasons stated therein, and rejected claims 1-43 under 35 USC §103 as obvious in light of the combination of Guy, Scroggins and Tabata. In light of the amendments and arguments made herein, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

**Amendments**

Please amend the claims as follows: